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SUBJECT: CANDU NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO SOUTH KOREA

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1. IN REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF A CANDU NUCLEAR REACTOR TO SOUTH KOREAN POWER CO. HAS BEEN SIGNED, INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER GILLESPIE, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS FEBRUARY 3, STATED THAT "SAFEGUARD" PROCEDURES HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE TWO RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. AECL OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE INDICATED HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE NECESSARY CONTRACT RATIFICATION BY THE GOC AND ROK, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

2. OTTAWA JOURNAL EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 3 FINDS THIS SALE "DISQUIETING" AND SOUTH KOREA TO BE A "DISTURBING CUSTOMER". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT "CANADA FATHERED THE SIXTH NATION OF THE NUCLEAR CLUB, INDIA, BY ITS CARELESSNESS. THE LAST THING CANADA NEEDS IS TO BE CHARGED WITH APATERNITY
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